

# OUR·VILLAGE·VOICE

## MISSOURI SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND

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### *Lots of Student Successes This Spring!*

#### **Braille Challenge**

Amber Attaway is one of only 12 high school students nationwide to be invited to compete in the national Braille Challenge this June in Los Angeles. To qual-

ify Amber took first place in the Varsity Division here at MSB in February. If Amber wins the national competition she will take home a \$5,000 savings bond and a new PAC

Mate Omni, Freedom Scientific's newest accessible Pocket PC.  
***Good Luck, Amber!***

#### **Swim & Forensics Championship**

MSB's swim and forensics team members competed successfully at the NCASB Conference Championships the weekend of April 29-May 1 at Ohio.

Jill McBroom came home with the most medals - golds in the 200 yard freestyle and the 100 yard backstroke plus a silver in the 100 yard freestyle.

The coed relay team of Brynn Haines, Josh

Starner, Sah'Mara Perry-Luckett and Kenia Cazares took second in the 4x50 freestyle relay.

The MSB girls team, comprised of the members listed above, plus Kathryn Hurd, Alex Richardson and Amanda Drake, placed fifth overall.

In the forensics division, Breck Campbell won second place in Poetry and Leticia Eckhoff and Carolyn McGhee took third place in Serious Prose and Great Speeches, respectively.

***Congratulations to All! Great Job!***

### **CALENDAR**

Teacher Appreciation Week	May 2-6
Mother's Day	May 8
Truman Day Holiday	May 9
Bausch & Lomb Volunteers	May 11
Junior-Senior Prom	May 12
MSB Alumni Weekend	May 20-22
Memorial Day Holiday	May 30
Senior Week	May 30-June 3
Awards Lunch & Commencement	June 7
Last Day of Classes	June 8
School Term Staff Workday	June 9

### **LHB Offers Sports Camps**

Lighthouse for the Blind is accepting applications for two camps: Sports Education Camp and Goalball camp. The Sports Education Camp is a free two-day overnight program at Webster U. this June, which emphasizes a non-competitive atmosphere. The goalball camp will be held in October-November, 2011 and is open to youths age 8-18. For information and applications go to: [www.lhbindustries.com/Our-Outreach/Programs.aspx](http://www.lhbindustries.com/Our-Outreach/Programs.aspx).

## AdvancED QAR Team Commends MSB

Members of the AdvancED Quality Assurance Review team visited MSB April 12 and 13 to amass information, observe classes and interview staff, students and stakeholders in preparation for accreditation.

AdvancED issued six commendations as part of its draft report:

- MSB administration, faculty and staff are strong professionals with extraordinary commitment;
- MSB maintains high expectations of students and a

strong academic program;

- The Library Media Center has unequaled personnel and resources for visually impaired students;
- MSB provides unique opportunities for blind/vi pupils;
- LIFE, KEYS and Project Starfish are innovative, unique programs;
- MSB has a comprehensive assessment program.

For more information about AdvancED go to: [www.advanc-ed.org/](http://www.advanc-ed.org/).



MSB's Scholar Athletes show off the certificates they received at the Awards Assembly April 5. Left to right are: Courtney Baty, Kathryn Hurd, David Brown, Jill McBroom, Josh Starner, Sah'Mara Perry-Luckett and Tabitha Jenkins.

## Leader Dog Summer Experience Camp

Leader Dogs for the Blind of Rochester Hills, MI, is offering a free summer camp for 16- and 17-year olds June 24-July 1. The camp is designed to teach campers new skills and focuses on outdoor activities. All services are provided at no cost, including air fare and each camper will be given a new Kapten PLUS GPT device to keep.

For an application go to: [www.leaderdog.org/programs/youth](http://www.leaderdog.org/programs/youth). Leader Dog's local representative, Ron Nisbet, can provide transportation to the St. Louis airport; call 314-640-3929.

### 3RD QTR HONOR ROLL 2010-2011

#### GRADES 7-12

Michael Babusa • Courtney Baty\*  
David Brown\* • Breck Campbell  
Kenia Cazares\* • Alecia Ceaser\*  
Jade Grantham • Katherine Hurd\*  
Tabitha Jenkins\* • Jill McBroom\*  
Sah'Mara Perry-Luckett\*  
Alex Richardson • Josh Starner

#### ELEMENTARY STUDENTS

Zyshaun Cross-Williams  
Tiondra Pollard • James Rogers  
Dionna Towns

\*indicates students in grades 7-12 earned all A's and B's

### MAY BIRTHDAYS

MAY 2	ANTHONY BOSMAN
MAY 3	KAREN COLEMAN
MAY 4	TROY BROWN
MAY 9	ANNA SCHELL
MAY 23	MILTON IRVING
	MATT JOHNSON
MAY 25	ANN BOSTON
MAY 27	VIRTRESS BEARD

HAVE A WONDERFUL DAY!